

9

28628

FORM A

### Soldier's Application for a Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

*J. C. Reed*

*RM*

*Anderson*

County.

R.F.W. #1-

Postoffice *Palentine Texas*

Filed

*June 12<sup>th</sup> 1914*

Approved

*June 12<sup>th</sup> 1914*

Pension allowed from *Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1914*

Rejected

*Geo. W. Styer*

Commissioner of Pensions

F. L. Steck, Printing, Bookbinding, Austin

FORM A

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Thos. Coleman Ray do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; ~~or (that I was in the service of the State of Texas during the war, to protect said State against the Indians and Mexicans for more than 6 months).~~ That I was honorably discharged or surrendered at Keechie La

in 1865 at the close of the war for the reason that the war was over.

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$1000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? In 73rd year

2. Where were you born? In Lawrence Co Miss.

3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1867

4. In what county do you reside? Anderson

5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Three years. P.O. address Palestine Tex R 1-

6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. No -

7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Minister What is your physical condition? Good

8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas

9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. enlisted in 1861 - served till close of war - 1865

10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? "Co. 7"

27 Regiment Walls Brigade Walker's Division, 7th no. Infantry (TX)

11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. No -

12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

*Private*

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? *Yes. Was detailed to drive medical wagon of the 22nd Regiment*

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home?

*Have home worth \$600*

16. What is the assessed value of your other property?

*None*

17. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law?

*None*

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *T. C. Ray*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *15th* day of *July*, A. D. *1914*

*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

[Seal.]

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

[Note.]—There must be at least two credible witnesses.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me *E. V. Swift*, County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *J. T. Ferguson & G. W. Brede*, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

*T. C. Ray*, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *T. C. Ray* has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness) *J. T. Ferguson*

(Signature of Witness) *G. W. Brede*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *29* day of *July*, A. D. *1914*

*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

[Seal.]

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant in the army, and, if so, let them, or either, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me, *E. V. Swift*, County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *F. M. Thornton*,

who ~~is~~ personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me sworn, on oath state that they ~~is~~ per-

sonally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true, to the best of ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> knowledge and belief, and that ~~he has~~ <sup>he has</sup> no interest in his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And I further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

The said F. M. Thornton further states that he served with the applicant T. C. Ray, some three years; that the said T. C. Ray made a good soldier; that he never deserted and never voluntarily abandoned his post of duty; that I was in the Mansfield Battle with Ray and several others; applicant enlisted about the early part of 1862, and served until the close of the war; we were both in the same company, being Company F, 22 Texas, Walker's ~~R~~ Division, Hubbard's Regiment;

(Signature of Witness) F. M. Thornton  
(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of July A. D. 1914

E. V. Swift

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

### CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, O. B. Rogers, State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson, State of Texas, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of Six hundred Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both of the value of none Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 29 day of July A. D. 1914

O. B. Rogers  
State and County Assessor.



The State of Texas,  
County of Anderson.

Before me F. W. Tyler a Notary Public in and for the above said County and State, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Bettie Tyler, known to me to be a person whose statements are worthy of full faith and credit. And after being by me first duly sworn, stated on her oath as follows to wit: My name is Bettie Tyler. I am 62 years of age, and I live in Anderson Co. Texas. I know Mr. F. C. Ray in 1861 or 62 he lived in Polk Co. Texas at that time, he joined the Confederate Army in Captain John Guyner's Company in Polk Co. Texas. I knew Captain John Guyner and his family in time of the Confederate War. They lived in Polk Co. Texas. Said F. C. Ray now lives in Anderson Co. Texas. I do not remember how long Mr. F. C. Ray served in the Army to the best of my knowledge. —

Bettie Tyler,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 23. day of July 1914 at  
Elkhart Anderson Co. Texas

F. W. Tyler a (TX)  
Notary Public Anderson County Texas

July 29-1914-  
I know Mrs. Bettie Tyler and she is an <sup>credible</sup> witness and trustworthy, and you can rely on what she says -  
E. V. Swift - County Judge.

**E. V. SWIFT**

Attorney-at-Law  
**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Anderson County

Palestine, Texas, July 29th. 1914.

Hon. Geo. W. Keyser,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose to you pension application of Mr. T. C. Ray for a Confederate Pension. I recommend that this pension be granted. I have looked into the matter and find that his application speaks the truth, and that he is in need. He is getting old and although he has been entitled to a pension for some years, he has never applied until now.

Yours very truly,

*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge.





GEO. W. KYSER, COMMISSIONER

OFFICE OF  
**COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS**  
 STATE OF TEXAS  
 AUSTIN

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of Thomas C. Ray who is reported to have enlisted in Company "G", Regiment 29th Texas Infantry in service of the Confederate States Army. Gravel Brigade, Walker's Div.

Purpose: The \_\_\_\_\_ person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension granted by the State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very respectfully,

Geo. W. Kysen TX

Commissioner of Pensions.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
AUG 5 1914  
2194129  
WAR DEPARTMENT

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS

STATE OF TEXAS  
MEXICO

2194129

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, August 6, 1914.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The records show that T. C. Ray (name not found as Thomas C. Ray) private, Company F, 22d Texas Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted September 28, 1863. On the roll of the company for January and February, 1864, last on file and only roll on which his name is borne, he was reported present. The regimental return for April, 1865, shows as follows: "T. C. Ray, private, Company F, on extra duty Brig. Q. M. Dept. Teamster." No later record of him has been found.

*Wm. Andrews*  
The Adjutant General.



# AFFIDAVIT

Return this affidavit to J. C. Jones, Commissioner of Pensions, Austin, Texas, on or before October 15, 1918.

STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION NO. 28623

This is to certify that I am the identical person to whom a pension has been granted under Articles 6267-6285, R. S. 1911, an Act approved April 7, 1913.

I also certify that the county in which my application was originally made and the file number of said application, according to the records in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, are the same as given in the upper right-hand corner of this affidavit.  
I further certify that the same conditions exist as day of \_\_\_\_\_ at the time my application for pension was made, that I do not own real or personal property to the value of One Thousand Dollars, exclusive of my homestead, the value of which does not exceed One Thousand Dollars; that my annual income, not including my pension, does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars; that I am a bona fide resident of the State of Texas, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home.

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the pensioner whose signature appears above and that the statements made by \_\_\_\_\_ are true and correct.  
Signature of Pensioner.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the above-named parties, well known to me, who state under oath that the statements hereing contained are true and correct.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 191\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

PENSIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

\*This is to certify that the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, are disinterested, credible witnesses and are in no wise related to the applicant whose signature is

affixed to the above statement; that the applicant resides in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas, P. O. \_\_\_\_\_, and that the conditions which existed at the time of making said application and on which the pension was originally granted still exist; that the applicant signed the above statement in my presence.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 191\_\_\_\_\_  
Witnesses. {

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, and on oath states that the statement of the pensioner above set known to me to be one of the witnesses who signed the foregoing certificate, and that the statements contained therein are within the knowledge of affiant true and correct. \_\_\_\_\_  
out was made and signed in \_\_\_\_\_ presence, and that the statements contained therein are within the knowledge of affiant true and correct.  
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 191\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL) 

\_\_\_\_\_ in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

\*To be filled out and executed in case applicant cannot go before an officer to make affidavit.  
PENSIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS. \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Pensions.